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In re Patent Application of:
Per Holmberg et al.

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For: A TAMP PAD

Examiner: K. D. Williams

37 C.F.R. 1.132 AFFIDAVIT AND DECLARATION OF PER HOLMBERG

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Dear Sir:

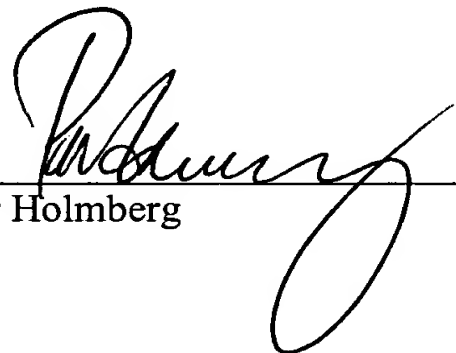
I, Per Holmberg, hereby declare as follows:

1. My name is Per Holmberg. I am over the age of twenty one (21) and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and each of them is true and correct.
2. I am the inventor of the invention described in U.S. Patent No. 6,158,341 to Holmberg ("Holmberg").
3. I submit that Holmberg does not describe the features of the claims attached hereto for subsequent amendment of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/751,158. In particular, I submit that the printing by the printing pad 5 onto the detail 4 described in Holmberg is caused only by a convex side of the printing pad 5, not by "causing at least a portion of the concave side of the at least one tamp pad to deform by the compression into a non-concave shape, and printing therefrom of at least one picture in a second direction against a second boundary surface of the plurality of boundary

surfaces" as found in independent claim 1 referenced above. I submit that this is a distinct difference that is neither taught, described, nor suggested by Holmberg.

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code, and that such false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

This affidavit and declaration is executed on this 31 day of Decem,
2004.



Per Holmberg

1. (Currently Amended) A method of tamp printing using at least one tamp pad having at least a convex side and a concave side on a piece having a plurality of boundary surfaces forming angles in relation to one another, the method comprising the steps of:

compressing the at least one tamp pad against a first boundary surface, ~~the compression causing~~

causing the convex side of the at least one tamp pad to deform by the compression, the deformation of the convex side causing printing of at least one picture in a first direction against the first boundary surface of the plurality of boundary surfaces; and

causing at least a portion of ~~wherein the compression causes~~ the concave side of the at least one tamp pad to deform by the compression into a non-concave shape, ~~the deformation of the concave side causing~~ and printing therefrom of at least one picture in a second direction against a second boundary surface of the plurality of boundary surfaces.